

REMARKS

Claims 8-12 are now present in this application.

The specification and claim 8 have been amended, and claims 1-7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is noted that claim 8 has been amended to correspond with paragraph [0020] of the specification. It is also noted that paragraph [0020] has been amended to demonstrate that, after the “optical disc drive playing function” is activated by modifying the setting in a BIOS device, the computer is rebooted to initialize part of the devices of the computer for performing the play function. The part of the devices comprises an audio chip, the optical disc drive and the keyboard.

It is also noted that, after modifying the BIOS setting for activating the “optical disc drive playing function,” rebooting the computer is necessary to go through the procedures illustrated in Fig. 1, in order to ascertain whether this time of booting action is triggered by the “CD-ROM booting button”.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claim 8 would enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make and/or use the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112 rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC 102 and 103

Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs et al., U.S. Patent 6,006,285. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Koo, U.S. Patent 6,006,337. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Jacobs et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejections, but simply to expedite prosecution of this application, it is noted that claims 1-7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 8-12 to be allowable. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be fully in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

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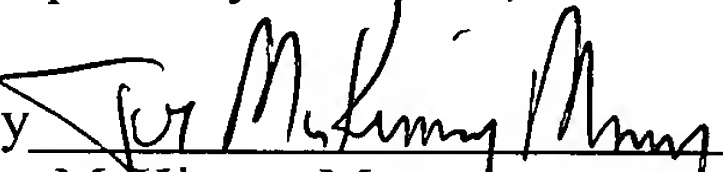
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In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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